

9. **COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE MAY 1999**

RR 10253

The Board considered a report from the Chairman regarding attendance at the National Community Boards Conference at Taupo from 27 to 30 May.

Sonia Gill and Phil Clearwater also provided comments regarding their attendance at the Conference.

The Board **received** the information and **decided** to request the Community Advocate to:

1. Investigate a means of procuring Greg Innes to address community board and Council members here in Christchurch.
2. Investigate establishing regional meetings for community boards.
3. Write to the Conference organisers requesting that:
 - (i) For future conferences, the only representative from Central Government should be the Minister of Local Government.
 - (ii) More time be allocated to workshops.

As this matter may have some metropolitan significance, it is referred to the Strategy & Resources Committee for consideration.